

Jessup Borough Council
REGULAR MEETING
August 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of Jessup Borough Council was held on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Jessup Borough Building, 395 Lane Street, Jessup, PA 18436.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Gregg Betti.

Executive session regarding potential litigation and personnel was held at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call:	Brian Barrett	Thomas Fiorelli - A
	Gregg Betti	Ron Kordish
	Curt Camoni	Robbie Martin
	Jerry Crinella	

Consent Agenda:

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting July 2, 2026.

Approve the Secretary's report

Approve the July payroll in the amount of \$91,492.10

Approve monthly payments from the general fund in the amount of \$56,232.09

A motion was made by Jerry Crinella a second by Curt Camoni to approve the consent agenda.
Aye carried. (5-0)

Reports:

Mayor Buckshon gave highlights of the Railriders game celebrating Jessup, the July 5th Celebration and announced the upcoming National Night Out on August 8, 2026.

Planning Commission Chairperson, Brittani Barscheski played a clip of the 6-0 July 2, 2026, Council meeting when Council voted to present the draft amendment to the zoning ordinance to Lackawanna County and Jessup Planning Commissions. She pointed out that in her opinion there could be potential issues if the noise ordinance is passed. She feels the draft was invalid and feels it needs further review by the Planning Commission.

Controller Benjamin Cardoni gave an overview of the Borough accounts for the month.

Tax Collector Genevieve Lupini announced an issue with the school district bills. Lackawanna County and the School District are reviewing them and new bills will be issued.

Police Chief Edward Boettcher gave an update on abandoned vehicles throughout the Borough, discussed a neighborhood watch that was once in existence in Jessup and noted there were an excessive amount of dog calls for the month. He reminded residents to keep their dogs on a leash or contained in a fenced in yard.

Borough Manager Coleen Watt announced Olga Street would be paved on August 11th and the Borough is going to demo a credit card machine.

Council Comments: Brian Barrett thanked DPW and the police for help at the July 5th event. He congratulated the Valley View Softball Team. Curt Camoni congratulated the Valley View Softball Team and commented on the fantastic July 5th event. Jerry Crinella discussed community benefits agreements, enclosing switch yards and congratulated the Valley View Softball Team. Ron Kordish thanked the Chief of Police, noted there is a lull in hits to the bridge on Constitution and he is looking to adapt the bank and update our current facility. He would like an inventory of DPW equipment. Robbie Martin congratulated the Valley View Girls Softball Team, thanked the police and DPW. Gregg Betti noted summer camp has ended. 75 kids signed up and the borough averaged 45 kids per day. July 5th was fantastic! Tom Fiorelli submitted a statement regarding the noise ordinance.

Public Comment: Mark Cordelli gave an overview of happenings throughout Lackawanna County.

Genevieve Lupini announced the Civil War train is coming to Jessup this year for the September 12th Block Party. There could be an additional 200+ travelers coming to Jessup that day.

Gary Pezak thanked DPW for all they help they give with lift assists. They are always there at a moment's notice.

Sam Sebastianelli made comments regarding the proposed noise ordinance amendment. He discussed the motion to send the approved ordinance amendment to the Lackawanna County and Jessup Planning Commissions. He asked Council to please table the motion to give the Planning Commission the opportunity to review it. He feels this could invalidate the entire ordinance.

Catrina Bauer said her son and his friends were assaulted on July 11th by individuals riding electric scooters. The police did a great job and the kids are fine. She feels these kinds of things should be announced so parents are aware. She was scared. She also asked about school crossing guards. The bus stop at Kinback and Bridge is one of the busiest and largest bus stops. She asked the Borough to get on this.

Melanie Davis commented on how great the July 5th event was. She feels the effort in restoring the bank should be applauded. She thanked Council for fighting blight. She is seeing progress in her neighborhood. She recommended the Borough submit the draft ordinance to a noise expert for an independent review.

Jeff Smith recommended Council add regular citizens to the bank committee to give advice to phase the project. Takes issue with motions V and Y being left blank. He feels residents have the

right to know the name of who is going to be voted on in advance. Commended the Planning Commission for working hard. Takes issue with motion C. The largest supplier of particulate matter in Lackawanna County is located in Jessup. You are looking at 20 tons of particulate matter coming from LEC. Jessup already has their fair share and he feels there doesn't need to be a discussion to join a multi-municipal plan. He is in favor of sending a letter to SLIBCO asking them not to sell property for data center development. AI was handy to find a 2016 study. The economic development strategy for Northeastern Pennsylvania funded by private partners and the Chamber of Commerce. They want to drive interest and they list specific heavy energy industries because of cheap, local gas. Why would we think the Chamber of Commerce has the best interest of Jessup, Olyphant and Archbald. The study is available from the Scranton Times.

Council took a brief break for an executive session.

Motions:

- A.** Motion to advertise an ordinance to form a blight board. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Brian Barrett. Aye carried. (6-0)
- B.** Motion to approve maintenance on the traffic lights on SR 247. \$5,956.88 Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Ron Kordish. Aye carried. (6-0)
- C.** Motion to further investigate a multi-municipal zoning and comprehensive plan administered through Lackawanna County and DCED. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti.
- D.** Motion to amend motion C. to say motion to attend a meeting with Lackawanna County and DCED to further investigate a multi-municipal zoning and comprehensive plan administered through Lackawanna County and DCED. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Ron Kordish. Aye carried. (6-0)
Councilman Fiorelli submitted a comment saying whatever method you choose there will be outside influences and ultimately there will be pressure to industrialize Breaker Street.
Public Comment: Jeff Smith commented why go down the road at all. You don't need to waste your time having a public meeting. Stop going down the road. You are going to lose your fair share if you move forward with it.
- E.** Motion to attend a meeting with Lackawanna County and DCED to further investigate a multi-municipal zoning and comprehensive plan administered through Lackawanna County and DCED. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti. Jerry Crinella voted no. Aye carried. (5-1)
- F.** Motion to form the following committee to come up with options for the bank building at 210 Church Street. Gregg Betti, Tom Fiorelli and Ron Kordish. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Curt Camoni. Aye carried. (6-0)

- G.** Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 4 of 2026 amending the Jessup Borough Zoning Ordinance. Specifically, Article 10 (Environmental Protection), Section 1005 (Noise), Section 1008 (Vibration), Article 15 (Definitions), Section 1502 (Terms Defined). Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Ron Kordish to table. Vote ended in a tie (3-3) the Mayor Buckshon declined to vote. A special meeting will be scheduled.
- H.** Motion to accept the resignation of Brian Barrett from the Jessup Borough Planning Commission. Motion was made by Ron Kordish second by Gregg Betti. Aye carried. (6-0)
- I.** Motion to advertise a full-time member for the Jessup Borough Planning Commission. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Ron Kordish. Aye carried. (6-0)
- J.** Motion to appoint Dr. Melissa Jones as an alternate to the Jessup Borough Planning Commission. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Brian Barrett. Aye carried. (6-0)
- K.** Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-12 updating the zoning fee schedule. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Robbie Martin. Aye carried. (6-0)
- L.** Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-13 updating the rental registration inspection fee. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Robbie Martin. Jerry Crinella and Ron Kordish voted no. Aye carried. (4-2)
- M.** Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-14 authorizing Gregg Betti and Coleen Watt to execute all documents related to the DCED multimodal grant for Hill Street. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Robbie Martin. Aye carried. (6-0)
- N.** Motion to appoint council members to a union negotiations committee. Brian Barrett, Curt Camoni and Robbie Martin. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Gregg Betti. Aye carried. (6-0)
- O.** Motion to advertise for a member and an alternate member for the Civil Service Commission. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Curt Camoni. Aye carried. (6-0)
- P.** Motion to advertise civil service testing. Motion was made by Ron Kordish second by Brian Barrett. Aye carried. (6-0)
- Q.** Motion to advertise for part-time police officers. Motion was made by Ron Kordish second by Curt Camoni. Aye carried. (6-0)
- R.** Motion to advertise a budget work session August 18th at 6:00 p.m. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Ron Kordish. Aye carried. (6-0)
- S.** Motion to send a letter to SLIBCO asking them not to sell any land for datacenter development until we have time to evaluate cumulative effects on the town and neighboring municipalities. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella. Motion dies for lack of a second.

- T.** Motion to form a committee to meet with other boroughs to discuss taking legal action against the state. Committee will be Curt, Ron and Rob. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Brian Barrett. Jerry Crinella voted no. Aye carried. (5-1)
- U.** Motion to authorize Environmental Planning and Design to draft amendments to the Zoning Ordinance; upon receipt to submit the draft amendments to the Lackawanna County and Jessup Borough Planning Commissions and to advertise a public hearing to be scheduled at least thirty days after submission of the draft to the Planning Commissions. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Ron Kordish to amend the motion to read: motion to authorize Environmental Planning and Design to draft an amendment to the zoning ordinance to include: 1. Community Benefits Agreement, 2. Impact fees for generators, 3. Enclosure of substations and/or generators, 4. Prohibition on the use of backup generators prior to installation of electric service, 5. Underground utilities, 6. Date of service for all will serve letters. No public comment. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Ron Kordish to amend the motion to read: motion to authorize Environmental Planning and Design to draft an amendment to the zoning ordinance to include: 1. Community Benefits Agreement, 2. Impact fees for generators, 3. Enclosure of substations and/or generators, 4. Prohibition on the use of backup generators prior to installation of electric service, 5. Underground utilities, 6. Date of service for all will serve letters. Aye carried. (6-0)
- V.** Motion to advertise for bids to replace the roof on the bank building at 210 Church Street. Motion was made by Ron Kordish second by Gregg Betti. Aye carried. (6-0)
- W.** Motion to give Hose Company #2 \$20,000.00 to assist in the purchase of a used fire truck. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Robbie Martin. Ron Kordish voted no. Aye carried. (5-1)
- X.** Motion to hire Will McPartland as special counsel for the Breaker Street Associates LLC Mandamus Action and Land Use Appeal at an hourly rate of \$280.00. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Robbie Martin. Aye carried. (6-0)
- Y.** Motion to accept the resignation of Ron Augelli as an alternate for the zoning hearing board. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Brian Barrett. Aye carried. (6-0)
- Z.** Motion to advertise an alternate for the zoning hearing board. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Robbie Martin. Aye carried. (6-0)
- AA.** Motion to appoint _____ temporary part-time DPW employee at the rate of \$_____ per hr. No action. Motion died.

Adjourn: There being no further business a motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Ron Kordish to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Watt, Secretary